SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL COURT CONFERENCE 2025

14 - 15 January 2025
PARKROYAL COLLECTION
MARINA BAY
SINGAPORE

PROGRAMME AND SPEAKERS

DAY 1 OF 2 – 14 JANUARY 2025

09:15 AM REGISTRATION

09:45 AM **WELCOME REMARKS**
by Justice Philip Jeyaretnam, *President, Singapore International Commercial Court*

10:00 AM **OPENING ADDRESS:**
THE EMERGING ARCHITECTURE OF TRANSNATIONAL COMMERCIAL JUSTICE
by The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon*, Supreme Court of Singapore*

10:45 AM MORNING TEA

11:15 AM **PANEL SESSION 1: SEISMIC EVENTS: SURVIVING (AND THRIVING)**

- This panel session will focus on how internationally-oriented commercial courts have an important role to play in underpinning transnational commercial justice, especially in an age of anti-globalisation
- This will consider how evolving global dynamics may lead to an increase in commercial disputes and how international commercial courts such as the SICC may complement other dispute resolution options such as international commercial arbitration and play a role as neutral arbiter

Moderator:
Justice Philip Jeyaretnam, *President, Singapore International Commercial Court*

Panellists:
Justice Robert French*, International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court*
Mr Ashok Mirpuri*, Head, International Policy and Governance, Temasek International*
Mr Ali Malek KC*, 3 Verulam Buildings*
Mr Gourab Banerji SA, *President, Arbitration Bar of India and Overseas Associate of Essex Court Chambers*
Mr Salim Moollan KC, *Brick Court Chambers*
Mr Kevin Kim, *Founding Partner, Peter & Kim*

12:30PM LUNCH

13:30 PM **SPECIAL ADDRESS**
by Mr Toby Landau KC, Duxton Hill Chambers

14:00 PM **PANEL SESSION 2: FALLOUT: TOOLING UP (AND TEAMING UP) TO MANAGE COMPLEX TECHNICAL DISPUTES**

- This panel session will consider new tools and methods for active case management coupled with collaborations between dispute resolution institutions to manage the increasing complexification of commercial disputes and to keep cross-border dispute resolution fit for this purpose
- This will allow parties to discuss innovations pioneered by the Singapore courts to facilitate cross-border dispute resolution (such as the Technology, Infrastructure and Construction List, the SICC's collaboration with other dispute resolution institutions etc.)

Moderator:
Justice Vivian Ramsey, International Judge*, Singapore International Commercial Court*

Panellists:
Justice Douglas Jones AO, *International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court*
Ms Marion Smith KC, *39 Essex Chambers*
Professor Jan Paulsson, *Judge, Bahrain Court of Cassation*
Ms Koh Swee Yen SC, *Partner, WongPartnership LLP*
Mr Duncan Watson KC, *Managing Partner (Singapore), Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP*

15:15 PM AFTERNOON TEA

15:45 PM **PANEL SESSION 3: RESTRUCTURING: CROSS-BORDER CORPORATE INSOLVENCY**

- This panel session will discuss how nodal jurisdictions undergird the successful restructuring of cross-border enterprises and in the course of this, illustrate the balanced and holistic approach of the Singapore ecosystem to corporate restructuring, and how the SICC both benefits from and reinforces this ecosystem.

Moderator:
Justice Kannan Ramesh*, Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court*

Panellists:
Justice Christopher Sontchi, *International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court*
Justice James Michael Peck, *International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court*
Mr Sushil Nair, *Deputy Chief Executive, Drew and Napier LLC*
Mr Stephen Hessler, *Global Practice Leader, Restructuring Group, Sidley Austin LLP*
Mr James Sprayregen, *Vice Chairman, Hilco Global*

17:00 PM **FIRESIDE CHAT: THE WORLD COMES TO SINGAPORE**

Moderator:
Mr Cavinder Bull SC*, Chief Executive Officer, Drew & Napier LLC*

Speaker:
Minister K Shanmugam SC, *Minister of Law & Minister of Home Affairs*

17:45 PM **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

19.00 PM **CONFERENCE DINNER PROGRAMME**

19.05 PM **WELCOME ADDRESS**
by The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon*, Supreme Court of Singapore*

19.10 PM **SPEECH BY GUEST-OF-HONOUR**
Senior Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong

19.40 PM **SICC's 10th Anniversary**

Celebratory Toast

21.00pm **END OF DINNER AND DAY 1 OF CONFERENCE**

DAY 2 OF 2 – 15 JANUARY 2025

09:30 AM REGISTRATION

10:00 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: COLLISION COURSE: AI AND THE LAW**
by Mr Dirk Hartung, *Assistant Professor of Law (ABD), SMU Yong Pung How School of Law*

10:45 AM MORNING TEA

11:15 AM **PANEL SESSION 4: TSUNAMI: NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

- This panel session will look at how the borderless nature of many new technologies requires a transnational approach. This will highlight the approach which the SICC has taken to resolving complex private law issues emerging alongside technological developments.

Moderator:
Justice Anselmo Reyes, *International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court*

Panellists:
Justice James Allsop, *International Judge, Singapore International Commercial Court*
Justice Nallini Pathmanathan, *Federal Court of Malaysia*
Mr Paul Tan, *One Essex Court*
Ms Eleanor Hughes, *General Counsel, Binance*
Mr Daniel Chia, *Head of Litigation, Herbert Smith Freehills Prolegis*

12:30 PM **END OF CONFERENCE**